

Minutes  
Prescription Work Group  
March 14, 2007

Present: Tom Werner, Katherine Murray, Kathy Sargent, Todd Johnson, Brian Scott, Melinda Malott, Heather Kirby, Lisa Lucas, Vicki Mills, Kim Vander Weyden, Dianne Vander Weyden

**Chair Position:** Tom Warner and Katherine Murray have agreed to co-chair the work group. Melinda agreed to continue with minutes and correspondence to the group.

**Medication Resource List:** Version 1.0 of the Prescription resource list is ready for release. The group noted that it is not a static list. Melinda will update and distribute the list quarterly to the work group members and those members will make sure they send the updated list to their contacts. A list of recipients for the list included but is not limited to:

FMH Case Managers and Hospitalists - Heather  
Charitable organizations such as St Vincents De Paul - Tom  
Hospital intranet - Katherine  
FCHD web site - Melinda  
DDA – Kathy S.  
ED doctors - Heather  
Doctor's office managers - Katherine  
School nurses - Melinda  
FCPS – Melinda  
CASS - Melinda  
Local churches - Tom  
Social services – Kathy S.  
Salvation Army –  
COC - ?  
MHA - Katherine  
United Way,  
Kiwanis  
Hope VI - Katherine  
Boys and Girls Club - Katherine  
Red Cross - Katherine  
Frederick County Library - ?

It was noted that the list is rather lengthy and that a one-page list of the top resources would be developed and distributed with the long list. Todd agreed develop the top 10 list. In addition Katherine and Tom will craft a letter of introduction of the list to the recipients.

**Website:** Links to the Target, Giant Eagle and Wal Mart \$4.00 generic drug lists are posted to FCHD web site. The resource list will be posted as well.

**Outreach:** PharmD Carol Malkowitz from Clifton T. Perkins center will make a presentation to the physicians seeking CME's on September 14, 2007. Carol has extensive knowledge of drug cost comparisons.

**Objective Status:** It is noted the workgroup has met the following objectives:

*Objective 25 – The coalition has a discussion paper that clearly describes 9 innovative prescription programs through which Frederick County residents can purchase affordable prescriptions*

*Objective 27 – Information about new and existing resources for obtaining medication has been sent to at least 75% of residents and healthcare providers*

Objective 26, which is a much larger objective, has not been met. It was noted that legislative change will need to occur for this to happen but there have been several pieces of information in the media demonstrating a greater awareness of the problem locally and nationally. This objective refers to an affordable prescription program for all.

**New Members:** New to the group: Quinten Davis of Mid Maryland Musculoskeletal Institute and Lisa Lucas, Office Manager for Dr. Kim.

**HSCRC:** Tom explained about the HSCRC process. In summary, Maryland is the only state that has set hospital rates set by the HSCRC. The rate is based on an average of 3 years prior financial information. FMH rates have not changed in several years. They have been advocating for the prior two years without success and plan on another campaign to have their rates elevated.

**New Schedule for Prescription Working Group Meeting:** The members present agreed to move meetings to the second Wednesday of each month. The time will remain 4-5:30 at FMH. A finishing time sooner than 5:30 is acceptable.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2007